GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE PLAN FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Perspective Plan for Women (1998-2000) had recommended for setting up of office of Commission for Women's right supported by National Commission for Women;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether this office has not yet been set up;

(d) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to set up the Office of Commissioner for Women's Right at theearliest possible?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) The National Perspective Plan forWomen (NPP) formulatedi n 1988 for the period 1988-2000 had recommended the creation of a special division t o b e designated as 'Commissioner for Women's Rights' in the Department of Women and Child Development for enforcement of law for women.

(c),(d)&(e) However, the National Commission for Women (NCW),which was constituted subsequently on 31.1.92 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 has the mandate, inter-alia, to review and monitor the implementation of the Constitutional and legal safeguards available for women, to take up cases of violation of the Constitutional and legal provisions relating to women with the appropriate authorities and take suo-moto notice of matters relating to deprivation of women's rights, non-implementation of laws to provide protection to women and non-compliance of policy, guidelines and regulations aimed at protecting the rights of women. The functions of the Commissioner for Women's Rights recommended by NPP are already being discharged to alarge extent b y the National Commission for Women. However, a proposal is under consideration of the Government to strengthen the provisions of the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 in order to give it more power.